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**Announcements**

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**March****March 21–26, 2010****15th Annual Update on Cardiopulmonary Bypass**

Fairmont Chateau

Whistler, BC, Canada

**April****April 29–30, 2010****Aortic Symposium 2010**

Sheraton New York Hotel and Towers

New York City, New York, USA

**May****May 1–5, 2010****AATS 90th Annual Meeting**

Metro Toronto Convention Centre

Toronto, Ontario, Canada

**2010 AATS Academy Applications Now Available****Thursday Evening and Friday, April 29 & 30, 2010, Toronto, ON, Canada** (*Held immediately prior to the AATS Annual Meeting*)

Applications are now available for the 2010 AATS Academy. The AATS Academy is an intensive didactic and interactive program for surgeons showing significant promise as potential future division chiefs or who have recently assumed the role of division chief. For additional information regarding the Academy please visit [www.aats.org](http://www.aats.org). Interested applicants should meet the following qualifications before applying:

- Achieved the rank of Associate Professor
- Active/successful clinical surgeon
- Evidence of local institutional and/or state/regional leadership ability
- Evidence of academic productivity including peer-reviewed publications and presentations at regional or national scientific meetings
- Funded research is preferable but not essential

Applications for consideration must be submitted electronically at [www.aats.org](http://www.aats.org) by **December 1, 2009**. Academy participants will be selected by the Academy Committee and notified no later than February 5, 2010. The number of available slots is limited.

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**The Western Thoracic Surgical Association****Applications for Membership**

Applications for membership in the Association must be received by the Membership Committee Chair no later

**Applications for Membership Now Available Online**

Applications for 2010 AATS Membership are now available with a deadline for submission of **November 30, 2009**. Applications received after the deadline will be automatically deferred until 2011. To apply for membership, a current member of the Association must act as the primary sponsor by initiating the application process in the Members Only area of the AATS Web site.

Although there are few hard and fast rules required for membership, the Association continues to look for surgeons from around the world with significant professional stature who possess exceptional clinical performance and have made significant contributions to the specialty with emphasis on the publication of scientific material in peer-reviewed English-language journals. Interested applicants are encouraged to review the membership requirements and guidelines by visiting the AATS Web site at [www.aats.org](http://www.aats.org).

**2010 Summer Intern Scholarship Applications Now Available**

The American Association for Thoracic Surgery (AATS) Summer Intern Scholarship program introduces the field of cardiothoracic surgery to first- and second-year medical students from North American medical institutions. By providing an opportunity to spend 8 weeks during the summer working in an AATS member's cardiothoracic surgery department, the summer intern scholarship provides medical students with insight into the scientific investigation and study of cardiothoracic surgery.

A grant of \$4,000 is provided to successful applicants to underwrite their living expenses during the 8 weeks of guidance at the selected host institution. Additionally, all awardees will receive complimentary registration to the Association's 2010 Annual Meeting and postgraduate courses taking place May 1–5 in Toronto, ON, Canada.

For more information and to submit an application, please visit the AATS Web site at [www.aats.org](http://www.aats.org). Application Deadline: January 15, 2010.

than March 1, 2010 to be considered at the 2010 Annual Meeting. Applicants must be sponsored by three members of the Association who are not members of the Membership Committee. Application forms will be issued only to sponsoring members.

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